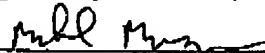


OBVIOUSNESS-TYPE DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTIONS

Claims 13, 30, and 31 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-12 of United States Patent No. 6,419,989 to Betz et al. Enclosed is a terminal disclaimer to obviate this rejection.

In view of the remarks contained above, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejections, and request that a Formal Notice of Allowance be issued for claims 1-33. Should the Examiner have any questions about the above remarks, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

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